COMMUNICATION FACILITIES FOR BENGERE VILLAGERS

476. SMT. ADDY SALDHANA (Mangalore).—

Will the Minister for Public Works and Electricity be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it has come to the notice of Government that the residents of Bengere village reside in between the Arabian Sea and Gurpur river are cut off from the rest of the country in the absence of road communication ;

(*b*) the steps taken to connect this village to other parts of the country by road from Panambur Harbour side ?

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works) :—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Will be considered subject to availability of funds.

SMT. ADDY SALDHANA .—May I know when will the funds be made available ?

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA .—The question of providing funds is under examination.

SRI B. V. KAKKILAYA .—In view of the virtual isolation of these people, will the Government give top priority to this ?

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA .—It is under consideration to provide funds from the Fisheries Department.

SMT WINNIFRED FERNANDES .—On one side of Bengere village there is sea and on the other side river, and there is no communication at all. Will the Government consider this aspect and construct a road at an early date ?

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA .—Government is fully aware of the fact that Bengere is almost an island without Communication. Government will take necessary action in the matter.

SRI D. B. KALMANKAR .—May I know what is the population of of this village ?

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA .—It is a small village. Still, Government will have to provide communication for that village.

MADAM SPEAKER .—Question Hour is over.